Engineering Few-electron-occupation Si Double Quantum Dots for Quantum Bits and Future Quantum Circuitry



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Problem

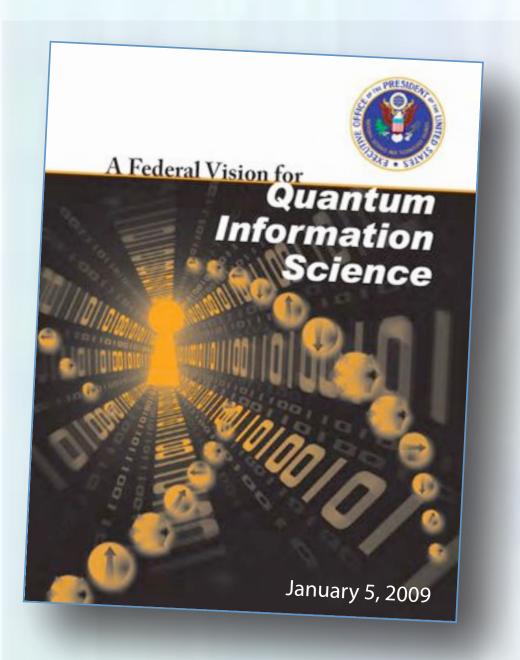
Quantum Information Science and Technology has National Importance

"Quantum information science creates a new conceptual platform for a family of potentially disruptive technologies, adding a new stage to the already staggering impact of conventional information technology."

"The ability to solve some of the "impossible" problems would enhance discovery and economic strength."

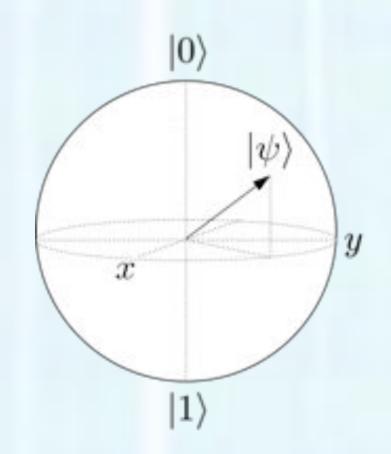
"...applications that rely on the "impossibility" of certain problems – widespread in data protection - would be rendered obsolete."

"The United States' large stake in all these potential applications warrants a cohesive national effort to achieve and maintain leadership in the rapidly emerging field of quantum information science."



Approach

Qubits and Single Qubit Gates



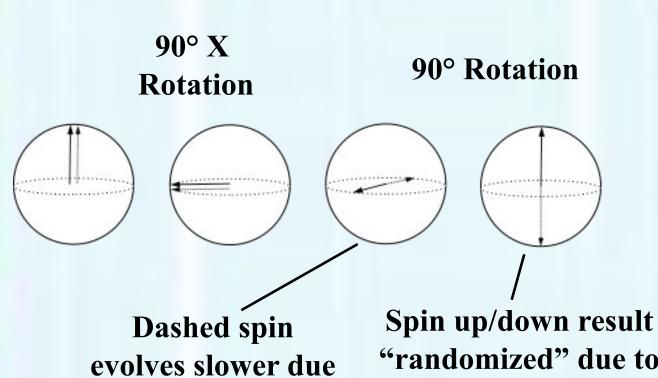
Transformation on qubits: Logic Gates

Bit	In Out 0 0 1 1	In Out 0 1 1 0
Qubit	$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{NOT} \\ 0\rangle \to 1\rangle \\ 1\rangle \to 0\rangle \end{array}$	H $ 0\rangle \rightarrow (0\rangle + 1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ $ 1\rangle \rightarrow (1\rangle - 0\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$

- A quantum bit can be any system that has two energy levels
- The QC information is described with $a \mid 0 > and \mid 1 > basis$
- A Bloch sphere is used to help picture the possible qubit states
- Single qubit gates produce superposition of the eigenstates who have non-zero probability amplitudes in each eigenstate

Spin Decoherence

to different field



Spin up/down result "randomized" due to inhomogeneous field

GaAs Nuclear Spin Lattice

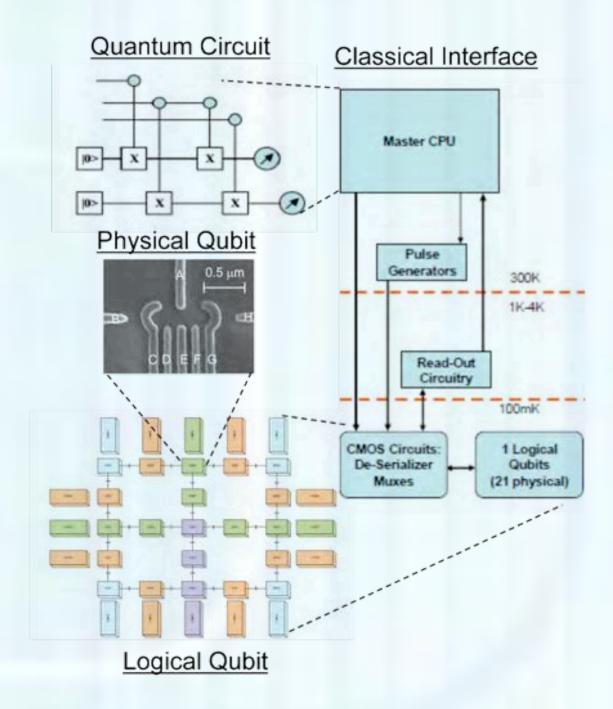
Cartoon grossly underestimates number of sampled nuclear spins

- **■** Decoherence caused by non-ideal experimental conditions
- GaAs has demonstrated DQD Qubit but has an uncontrolled nuclear spin background $(T_2 \sim 1-10 \mu s)$
- Long ensemble spin T₂ have been reported in silicon (~60 ms) - Reduced nuclear spin background when ²⁹Si reduced

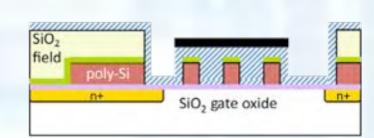
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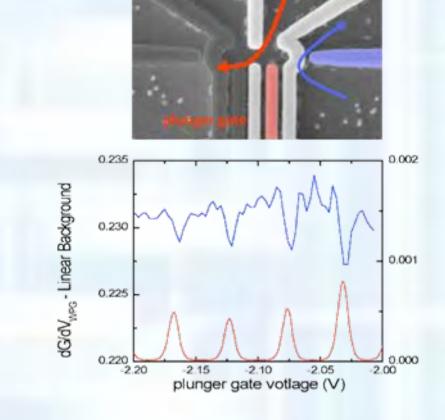
Goals and Multidisciplinary Nature

- **■** Create a double quantum dot qubit using Si MOS fabrication - Long T2 possible
- Design a quantum circuit to perform error correction
- **Focus Areas**
 - Physical Qubit
 - Electronics
 - Error Correction
 - Modeling
 - Second Generation Qubit



Single Electron Quantum Dots





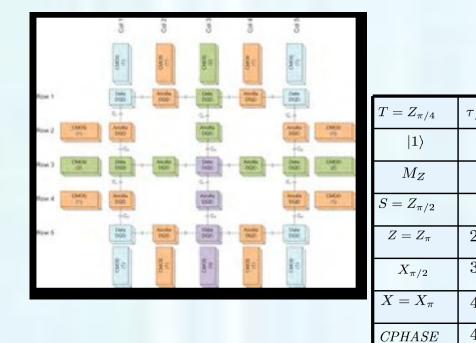
- **Quantum dots and tunnel barriers** formed that do not exhibit disorder over large bias ranges
- **■** Charge sensing is necessary for unambiguous identification of
- N=1 & future qubit gates
- Charge sensing also potential improvement on measurement bottleneck
- RF-electrometry & cryo circuit assisted approaches
- Present sensitivity does not allow for fast sensing

Error Correction and Dynamic Decoupling

- Logical qubit
 - Combine multiple DQDs in an error-corrected architecture
- **■** Sources of noise - Charge fluctuations

- Spin noise

- **Evaluate overall accuracy for** different implementations
- Augment with dynamical decoupling to suppress idle error



Significance

Grand Challenge Summary

GC Vision:

- Develop silicon qubit hardware and develop the capability to assess the scalability to a logical qubit built with the hardware

DQD qubit

- DQD fab characterization (mobility, valley splitting, Qf, Dit, ...) DQD: low disorder QD

- DQD: charge sensing in lateral MOS QD [world first in || w/ UCLA] Extra ³He system being installed (in progress)

2nd Generation DQD structures

- SiGe successfully grown on sSOI Few donor devices nearly completed

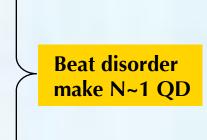
- SIGMA proof of principle (100%DE, P_{dark}~10⁻⁴) **Quantum-classical interface**

- 4K CMOS models completed & now being refined (V_t, S, I_d, etc.)

- 4K circuits tested & following-up on external requests - Electronics constraints for BS9 (21) memory (30 ns gate) Logical qubit design

- Initial p_c of logical qubit w/hardware constraints ($p_c \sim 10^{-4}$) Transport and gate guidance

Dynamic decoupling guidance => estimated T₂* impact



Enabling tech & Constraints

Guidance on what we need





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